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NPR featured Bristol Bay and Pebble Mine in a national segment on All Things Considered. Host Melissa Block discussed fierce opposition to the mine, the scale of the metal deposit and the Save Our Salmon initiative vote next week with KDLG reporter Daysha Eaton.

KDLG also conducted an interview with Alaska state senate president Gary Stevens, who called the Pebble deposit a "problematic location." Stevens said it would never be acceptable to compromise the fish or water quality of the Bristol Bay watershed and questioned how "that much nasty stuff," i.e., mine waste, could be held behind an earthen dam and never breached in an earthquake-prone area. In the same piece, Pebble partnership CEO John Shively acknowledged that many mines have polluted water.

Anchorage businessman Bob Gillam was featured in more than one outlet as the funder for the Save Our Salmon initiative to prevent large scale development that would harm fish and clean waters. Even The National Inquirer weighed in on Bristol Bay, with an interview with Bob Gillam calling Sarah Palin's untimely opposition to a 2008 statewide initiative on massive mining a "double cross" for Alaska.

A new video of drilling holes, muddy pools and sinking platforms from Pebble's exploratory activities shows that pictures are worth thousands of words.

And, letter writers around the country continue expressing opposition to the development of Pebble – most recently in Bellingham, Wash., and Turlock, Calif.

Here's a weekly roundup of media. For more information go to www.SaveBristolBay.org

Proposed Alaska Mine Faces Fierce Opposition

Michelle Block, All Things Considered

NPR

In Alaska's picturesque Bristol Bay region, developers are looking to build an enormous copper and gold mine. They promise the effort will be carried out in an environmentally responsible way — and provide area jobs... Click here to listen

Pebble mine foe puts up \$415,000 to fight prospect

Becky Bohrer, AP

Anchorage Daily News; Tacoma News Tribune; KTUU; Businessweek

An Anchorage businessman is largely bankrolling an initiative aimed at stopping the Pebble Mine. Records filed with the Alaska Public Offices Commission show Robert Gillam as the sole contributor to Alaskans for Bristol Bay-Vote Yes on the Save Our Salmon Initiative... Click here to read more

Alaska Senate President Discusses the Pebble Mine

Mike Mason

KDLG

The President of the Alaska Senate has consistently preached caution in regards to the proposed Pebble Mine and he reiterated those words of caution again during a visit to Dillingham last week. KDLG's Mike Mason sat down with Gary Stevens for this report... Click here to listen

Superior Court rules for state in Pebble Mine dispute

Alaska Dispatch

According to Dillingham's KDLG-Radio, an Alaska Superior Court judge has ruled against the plaintiffs in the Pebble mine lawsuit Nunamta Aulukestai v. The State of Alaska. Pebble Partnership joined the state as an intervener... Click here to read more

Exclusive! Sarah Palin Double-Cross

Alexander Hitchen

National Enquirer

Alaska's richest man is blasting Sarah Palin for failing to avert a potentially devastating environmental disaster in the state she once governed – and now he wants ENQUIRER readers' help to get the job done!... Click here to read more

Pebble mine Partnership can't even collect data without mucking things up... (VIDEO)

Tom Chandler

Trout Underground

The Pebble Mine Partnership promises they can mine responsibly, but they're already screwing up the area, as this video pretty plainly documents... Click here to watch

Bay area needs economic opportunities

John Adcox,

Anchorage Daily News

As reflected on the pages of the Daily News, and in their actions, the Bristol Bay Native Corp. board of directors have abandoned the residents who live around Lake Iliamna. Not one person on the BBNC board is from the lake-area villages... Click here to read more

LTE: All those fish in the sea threatened

Henna Hundal, Turlock CA

Modesto Bee

It's truly thought-provoking to find people use the expression "there's plenty of fish in the sea." This clever phrase was probably coined when there literally were plenty of fish in the sea, or at least a decent supply in existence... Click here to read more

Letter: Supports protecting salmon, livelihoods

Darryl Pope, Bellingham WA

Bellingham Herald

I think it's great that Sen. Maria Cantwell has come out in support of protecting Bristol Bay, Alaska, and its abundant salmon if an ongoing scientific assessment by the EPA finds that this amazing natural resource would be harmed by large-scale mining... Click here to read more

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